(a) the usual number of teachers from Primary Schools deputed by the Education Department;

(b) for how many years had the Education Department deputed such teachers;

(c) what is the total number of teachers deputed up to Edavam 1103;

(d) how many applications were received by the Director of Public Instruction from Primary School teachers seeking deputation for training in the said school during the period for which the school is now closed;

(e) what is the extra cost incurred if any by the Education Department for a teacher deputed for a year;

(f) what is the number of teachers generally employed in conducting the Agricultural School;

(g) how many applications were received by the Superintendent of Agriculture and Panchayats from private candidates for admission to the school this year?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) Twenty each year.

(b) Four.

(c) Seventy-seven, but only 75 have undergone the full course.

(d) Only one.

(e) About Rs. 200.

(f) No teachers are specially employed. The teaching work is attended to by the staff of the Agricultural Department.

(g) One.

Mistakes in the Text-Books.

154. Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) what steps have been taken by them to rectify the numerous mistakes that were pointed out in the Chintamany Books in the Legislative Council in the last year by some of the Members;

(2) was there any special reason for prescribing the very same books for the current year also in spite of the popular objection?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(1) The publishers have been asked to rectify the mistakes pointed out.

(2) These books were prescribed for another year because the Board of Studies recommended their continuance on the ground that better books were not available.

Lower Secondary School, Mala.

155. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the total loss Government had to bear in connection with the Lower Secondary School, Mala?

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According to the terms of the agreement what amount are the Committee to pay; how much they actually paid?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Rs. 3,495—2—7.

The Committee have to make good this amount according to the agreement. They have paid nothing yet and the matter is under correspondence.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—How long was this amount due?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—About a year, I should think.

Kole cultivation.

156. Mr. C V. Kuriyan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it has been receiving complaints during the last decade that kole cultivation in the State was becoming more expensive;

(b) whether the Government have enquired into the causes which have gone to increase the cost of kole cultivation; if so, what are the causes;

(c) whether the Government have noted that year after year kole cultivation has been becoming more and more unpopular amongst the agriculturists;

(d) whether the Government have discovered the reasons for the growing unpopularity;

(e) whether the Government has taken any action upon the report submitted by the Kole Committee appointed during the Diwanship of Sir (then Mr.) T. Vijayaraghavacharya; if the answer to question (e) be in the affirmative, what are the steps the Government have taken on the Kole Committee's report; whether action on the Kole Committee's report was dropped at any stage; if so, when, at what stage and why?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(a) Yes.

(b), (c), (d) and (e). The Member is referred to the Diwan's Proceedings, dated 10th July 1926 and 1st January 1927, P. No. 598 of 1101, published on pages 690 and 133 and 134 of the Cochin Government Gazette, dated 26th Mithunam 1101 and 24th Dhanu 1102, which set forth the nature of the investigations made in the matter and the orders passed thereon by Government.

Toll-gate in Chowwara.

157. Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) when the toll-bar on the road from Chowwara to Vellarappalli was put up;

(b) whether the Government are aware that the people of the locality feel thetoll as an unjustifiable burden on them;

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